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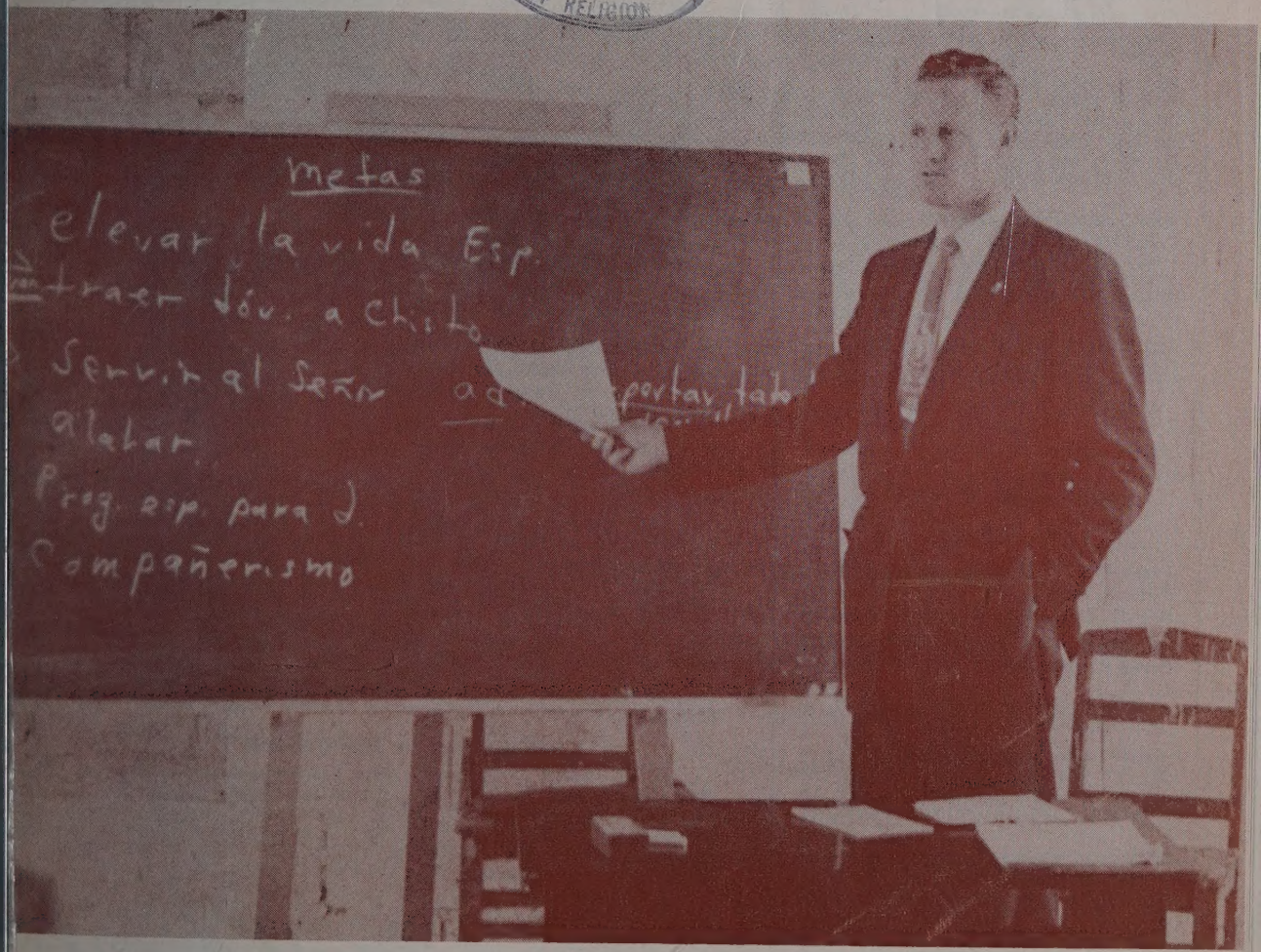

REV. JOHN SHACKELFORD OF GUATEMALA TEACHES CONFERENCE AT MEXICO CITY

For Christ and the Church...

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A conference for young people on Christian Endeavor principles and methods was led by Rev. John Shackelford, missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. to Guatemala, during the Pacific Area Conference in Mexico City August 17-20.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

WE ARE GRATEFUL . . . . .

We must express our gratitude to you. On July 21 President Clyde W. Meadows wrote an urgent letter to many of you—3,254 of you. And his letter was about money. He told you that estimates at that time indicated that we would be $4,736 short in our operating budget this year, because of increased cost of materials and larger demands for service.

How we do rejoice at your response. We asked that you join in prayer for Christian Endeavor, the overwhelming opportunities before it, and the need for more funds. At the time of this writing 425 of you have been led to make an additional gift this year—for a total of $5,046. Once again God has shown His goodness toward this movement. We thank Him for touching the hearts of so many and for leading them to respond so generously.

The need continues, and perhaps others of you will want to share. As President Meadows wrote: "This is the work of the Lord and He is blessing it. The opportunity is great for Christian Endeavor. Someone must reach the increasing number of youth for Christ and the Church."

Your gifts may be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Send them to the attention of Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, President.

AROUND-THE-WORLD IN 1961

Next year promises to be an eventful one for me, as have all the years of my identification with Christian Endeavor. And as I write this it comes to me that next year marks the 30th anniversary of my association with Christian Endeavor commencing with the formation of a local Christian Endeavor society.

It is going to be possible for me to make an Around-the-World trip, and I look forward to it eagerly, for it will give me an opportunity to visit with Christian Endeavorers in many places. While my special responsibility within the World's Union attaches to our work in Area I, or the Pacific Area, my good friend and associate in Christian Endeavor, William J. Sharpe of England, general secretary of the World's Union for Area II, is aware of my plans and shares with me my enthusiasm at the prospect of making many contacts on behalf of our world-wide movement.

This trip will take me away from Columbus from February 16 until April 12. Overseas stops will include Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaya, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Burma, India, Lebanon, Jerusalem, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, England. I shall leave by the Pacific Northwest Gateway, stopping first in Portland, Oregon, for a Pacific Area Conference of the International Society, planned and directed by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, of Seattle, Washington, regional vice-president of the International Society.

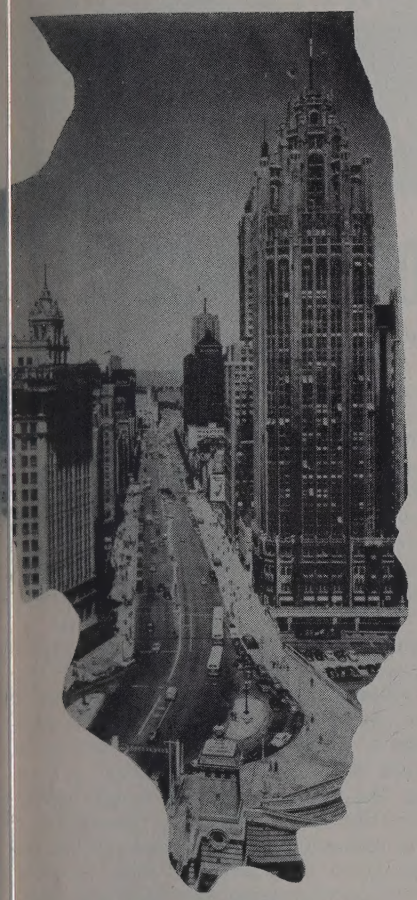
A partial list of activities already arranged for includes a meeting in historic Kawaiahao Church, in Honolulu; a Christian Endeavor meeting in Tokyo and a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor; the celebration of the second anniversary of the formation of the Portuguese National Christian Endeavor Union, in Oporto; meetings in Auckland; meetings with leaders of the National Christian Endeavor Union of Australia; meetings in Sydney, Australia, with the leaders of the Convention City Committee, looking toward the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, August 16-21, 1962. Other meetings are now being set up. And I shall spend Easter in the Holy Land.

I covet your prayers that only good might come from this trip and that it might be helpful to Christian Endeavor and that God might be glorified through this activity.

A PRIVILEGE — A RESPONSIBILITY . . . .

To our United States readers there looms up an important day in their lives—November 8, Election Day. Here is a privileged opportunity, that of a free ballot box, and it brings with it a responsibility, that of exercising our right to vote. Those of voting age can let our Crusade for Christian Citizenship begin with them, by voting on Election Day. Those of our number too young to vote can help by getting out the vote.

Harold Westerhoff



CHICAGO.... the grand award

For winners in Christian Endeavor's 1961 Citizenship Awards Program, trips to Chicago next July for the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be part of the grand award.

The program is open to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups or combinations of such groups in local churches in the United States and Canada. The majority of the members of participating societies must be under 25 years of age.

Each entrant must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after March 1, 1960. All entries must be mailed by February 6, 1961.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for the winners include $200 in cash to the group taking first place, with a grant (to a maximum of $200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives (members of the award-winning society) to attend the convention in Chicago July 5-8, 1961.

Second place award is $150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $150) for expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Chicago Convention. Other awards are: third place, $100; fourth, $75; fifth, $50; next 20 runners-up, $25 each. Plaques will be presented to the top 25 winners, with honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and the manner in which it implements the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" Areas of concern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day.

Winning societies will be announced April 25, with the Albert H. Diebold Awards scheduled for presentation during convention sessions in Chicago July 5-8.

For a copy of the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and a folder giving all details about the Awards Program, write to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

W TO ENTER ARDS PROGRAM

the folder "What Is Christian Citizen- and select some significant Christian ship activity. Organize the society for and complete the activity by Febru- Keep full records of objectives and and accomplishments.

h the entry form at the right, fill out, ttach materials describing the activity tten report, photographs, press clip- drawings, commendations, etc.

the entry form and all accompanying ials to the Citizenship Director of the national Society of Christian Endeavor ebruary 6, 1961. All entries will be wledged.

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ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 6, 1961)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

_____
(Name of society or group)

_____
(Name of church)

_____
(Address of church)

_____
(Name and address of person sending entry)

_____
(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

Christian Endeavor Week 19

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUAR

Theme: "Into All the World Togethe

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 2 will be Christian Endeavor's 80th birthday! Throughout the 80 years of its service to Christ and His Church, Christian Endeavor has made Christ central in the lives of countless youth. It has fostered a loyalty to the Christian Church which has given the Church a constant flow of trained and consecrated young leaders of vision and conviction, equipped to fill positions of increasing responsibility.

Thousands of young people of latent ability have found in the program of Christian Endeavor an opportunity to grow in confidence, testimony, and leadership.

The annual observance of Christian Endeavor Week is one of the numerous fruits of the Christian Endeavor movement which was begun in 1881 by Dr. Francis E. Clark. Beginning in 1914 Christian Endeavor annually pioneered a special youth emphasis week which has influenced the youth programs of all denominations. Since 1944, similar youth organizations have joined with Christian Endeavor in a united observance of Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week.

MANY SUGGESTIONS for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week are available in the Packet which is available from the International Society. This includes:

— **Christian Endeavor Week Manual,** written by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb of Glendale, California (formerly active in Christian Endeavor leadership in Oregon, where her husband was minister of First Christian Church, Tillamook, before his recent retirement). The Manual contains suggestions for various observances throughout the week; an Order of Worship for Christian Endeavor Day (February 5); publicity helps; ideas for an 80th Birthday Banquet; and suggested missionary projects to tie in with the week's theme, "Into All the World Together."

— **Television Program** on the theme, written b Wilbert A. Martin of Denver, Colorado. Mrs. was the author of the winning television sc Christian Endeavor's recent Scriptwriting Conte is another fine 15-minute script for use by Endea

— **Radio Program,** also based on the theme, prepa Mary Lou Funk of Huntington, Indiana. Miss F associate editor of publications for the Church United Brethren in Christ and also writes topi ments for Junior Highs for THE CHRISTIAN ENDE WORLD. The 15-minute script can be adapt many uses.

— **"Circle 'Round" Party,** planned by Herb and Davies of Erie, Pennsylvania. Well-known thro the Middle Atlantic Region as recreation leade Davies have given suggestions which can eas used by large or small groups for an evening c with emphasis on the 80th anniversary.

In addition, the Packet includes a sample of th bulletin cover for the 80th anniversary celebration. tively printed in red and black, this cover is just ri church bulletins, union programs, and many other events. On the back is information about Christian En the Pledge, the principles, and the purpose. These l covers are available from the International Society for a hundred; they are furnished flat for mimeograph printing, 100 in a package.

The 1961 Christian Endeavor Week Packet also in the folders, "A Vital Program for Youth" and "The Ch Endeavor Story," a sheet of Christian Endeavor Sta special envelope for reporting Christian Endeavor activities, and other items.

For just 50c a complete Packet may be ordere Christian Endeavor International at 1221 East Broad Columbus 16, Ohio.

TELL THE STORY

The message of Christian Endeavor's colorful Outd Posters will effectively reach millions as they journey al the highways of the United States and Canada.

Thousands of dollars of valuable space is made avail each year through contribution postings by local poster p owners, who are members of the Outdoor Advertising A ciation of America, Inc.

November 15 is the deadline date for Christian deavorers to place orders for posters. To learn how to sh in the 1961 Outdoor Poster Program, contact the Inter tional Society of Christian Endeavor or the chairman in state or provincial union.

A Workshop Feature

That Christian Endeavor Meeting

inted from THE ROLL CALL, the of Christian Endeavor in New h Wales, Australia

hen you know you will be taking a stian Endeavor meeting, how do you are? How do you decide your aim? t steps do you take to achieve your Do you really plan for each person ive such an enjoyable and profitable that he will leave saying in his , "It was good to be there"?

ne Endeavorer keeps a list of things e considered in planning any meet- He has compiled it over a period ne, and checks through it whenever to take a meeting. "It's like a list ings to pack' for weekend camps," ys. "I may not need all that's on it, it saves any last-minute rush, and s sure you have everything you "

re is a copy of his list. You might to clip it out and keep it for refer- adding other points that fit in with society. Junior sponsors would need lapt it to their own needs.

ickly run over the topic and sug- d Bible passages and decide:

What is the main aim?

Are any suggestions given for running the meeting?

How does the topic relate to:
(a) the society and committee program for the year
(b) the local church program
(c) the Christian Endeavor meetings immediately before and after it

How does it relate to the needs of the Endeavorers themselves? (Spend some time thinking and praying about each one)

ally dig into the topic:

Go over the topic and Bible readings, jotting down a summary of the thoughts they contain, and adding any ideas that come to mind

Consult a Bible commentary on the Scripture passages

With the help of a concordance, study other Bible references to the theme

Consult a doctrinal handbook, or other Christian literature dealing with the topic

(9) Sum up findings, for a clear idea of the Bible teaching on this subject

Pray through this, and decide:

(10) WHICH POINT (or points) DOES GOD WANT ME to drive home at this meeting? What will be my aim?

(11) How can this be best achieved?

In this connection, consider:

(12) Are any of these available and really relevant to the theme?
- (a) film (check through the catalogs of the religious film societies; to pay for the hiring charges, consider combining with another society, or asking church members for help)
- (b) filmstrip (these can be hired, perhaps from denominational headquarters or local audio-visual outlet)
- (c) slides, pictures, or photographs
- (d) models or exhibits
- (e) a play for play-reading
- (f) excursion or visit

Could I prepare:
- (g) chart
- (h) diagrams
- (i) posters
- (j) maps
- (k) object
- (l) blackboard summary

(13) Which way will the message be *presented:*

(a) By explaining a Bible passage or a Scripture truth, illustrating and applying it (questions at the end will help the Endeavorers review and apply the facts that have been given; or definite assignments could be given out beforehand—papers, lecturettes, reports, or questions to be answered)

(b) By study circle and discussion (after studying a number of cases or Bible examples, the Endeavorers work out the main truth, and then test it and apply it to different practical situations; questions and passages for consideration need to be clearly worded and carefully chosen to provide a consecutive development in thought)

(c) By highlighting a problem through a forum, symposium, debate, mock trial, parliamentary session, brains trust, dialogue, conversation, playette, interview, workshop, or project

(14) *Plan the program* around the message:

(a) an OPENING THOUGHT to focus and challenge attention on the theme

(b) MUSIC — hymns, choruses, background music, instrumental items, and vocal items for praise, inspiration, challenge, and teaching; topical indexes help in finding music that is relevant to the theme and to the Christian experience of the Endeavorers

(c) BIBLE READING can be varied — carefully prepared by one person; in unison; alternate verses; alternate sentences; in parts; or read silently, after which the Endeavorers volunteer answers to questions on the passage

(d) PRAYER—what thoughts need to be covered in the opening and closing prayer; what are some DEFINITE and SPECIFIC requests for the chain prayer time?

(e) MISSIONARY and other committee news; announcements; quiz; Bible puzzles; or teaching playette

(15) *Pray purposefully*

(16) Line up:

(a) *People* (speaker, chairman, accompanist, and music items) and give each a program

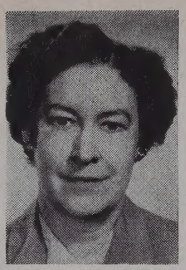
(b) *Paraphernalia* (pencils and paper for puzzles, books to recommend, any special visual aids; e.g., film screen, projector)

(c) *Publicity*—a special poster and invitations, or a gripping title for announcements.

(d) *Place*—on the actual day, arrive early and check that the room is clean, well-lit and ventilated, and that the chairs are arranged away from glare and draft; see that hymnbooks and collection plates are out, and that program, announcements, visual aids, and Bible and notes are at hand.

(17) With a smile and a heart rejoicing in the Lord, greet Endeavorers individually as they arrive

B. McClain Cochran



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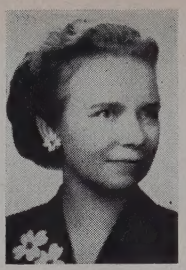

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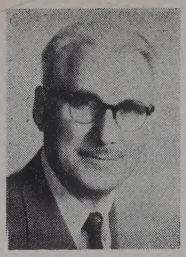

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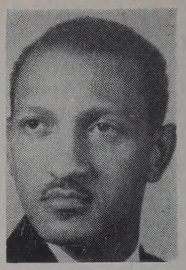

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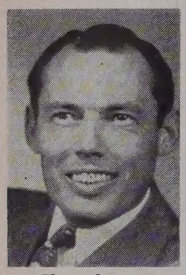

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DR. ALLAN J. BLAIR—President, Blair & Aldous, Inc. and New Jersey Mortgage and Title Company, both in Passaic, New Jersey. Elder, First Presbyterian Church. Doctor of Laws degree, Bloomfield College and Seminary. Past president, New Jersey Union. Chairman of Finance Committee and a vice-president, International Society. Married; two children.

PHYLLIS G. BROWN—Assistant editor, *Virginia Journal of Education*, Richmond, Virginia. Member of Highland Park Christian Church. B.S. degree in journalism, Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. Member, International Society's Adult Work Committee. Formerly served as Virginia Union president, Southern Region chairman, and vice-president of International Society.

MRS. ERNEST R. BRYAN—Lawyer, Washington, D. C. Member of Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church. A.B. degree, Trinity College; L.L.B., George Washington University. Has visited Endeavorers in many parts of the world. Vice-president, International Society, and member of the Extension and Perpetuation Fund; honorary field secretary, World's Union. Widow of former president of International Society; one daughter.

B. MCCLAIN COCHRAN—Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Ordained minister, Disciples of Christ. Former instructor, athletic coach, and school principal. M.A. degree, George Washington University. Associate president 1949-51 of International Society. Former fi retary of both District of Columbia and Penns Unions. Married; three children.

ELWOOD DUNN—General secretary, Michigan Uni troit. Ordained Christian Church minister. Mer First Christian Church, Pontiac. B.D. degree, Sc Religion, Butler University. Consultant and in in industrial relations for Eastern Airlines, 1955-5 been chairman of International Society Program and vice-president in charge of Great Lakes Now chairman, Youth Work Committee. Marrie sons.

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NORMAN KLAUDER—Business management, real and insurance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lea Grace Baptist Church. For 25 years treasurer, P phia Baptist Association. Member of Board of Ma American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, years; recently served as chairman. Chairman of Committee, International Society, almost 20 year tinues as member; also is a vice-president. Tru the World's Union. Married; three children.

TIMOTHY J. KRIBS — Minister, Roachdale C Church, Roachdale, Indiana. Student at Christian logical Seminary, Indianapolis. B.Th. degree, No Christian College. Former president, Oregon Associate president, International Society, since Currently active on Indiana Union's board. Work Youth Assembly. Married.

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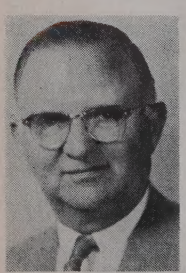

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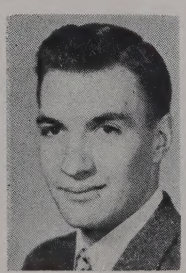

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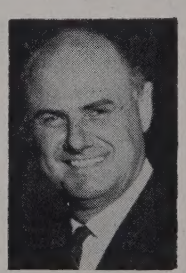

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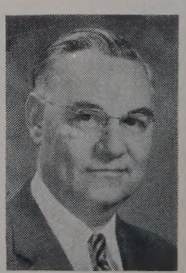

Dr. C. W. Meadows

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ne G. Alhart

MEET INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pictured here are the 25 members of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Elected July 1959 by the Board of Trustees, they will complete their term of office at the Chicago Convention, July 1961. Three meetings were held in 1960—March 25-26 in Chicago, July 4 in Ottawa, and October 21-22 in Columbus. The next committee session is scheduled in Portland, Maine, February 3-4.

J. McQuilkin—Assistant comptroller, The Fidelity l Life Insurance Company, Philadelphia, Pennsyl- Chairman of Christian Education Committee and r of married couples class (120 members) at St. Presbyterian Church of Devon. Past president, elphia and Pennsylvania Unions. Member, Board ectors, Pennsylvania Union; vice-president, Inter- al Society. Married; two children.

Clyde W. Meadows—Pastor, King Street United en Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, for 33 Over 1300 members. B.D. and S.T.M. degrees, burg Lutheran Seminary; D.D., Huntington Col- Widely known speaker and song leader, also of several books and pamphlets. Elected presi- of International Society July 1959. Previously as vice-president. Married; one daughter. Hobby g light aircraft for over 15 years.

Moran—Retail lumberman, Leroy, Indiana. Has as chairman, board of elders, and Bible school ntendent at First Christian Church, Crown Point. resident, Indiana Union; now extension chairman. resident of International Society, president of Ex- n and Perpetuation Fund, and member of Finance ittee. Married; three children.

aniel A. Poling—Editor, CHRISTIAN HERALD, ork, New York. Widely known as editor, novelist, speaker, and civic leader. Holds two earned, 14 ry degrees. Chaplain of Chapel of the Four ls, Philadelphia. President of International Society 9. Became head of World's Union in 1927 upon of Dr. Francis E. Clark; continues in presidency. ls extensively, having logged almost two million

R. W. Rash, D.D.—Bishop, Church of the l Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana. Th.B. D.D. degrees, Huntington College and Seminary. al secretary of Christian education before becom- shop. Program Committee chairman for 1957 and International Conventions; has served as chairman gram Council and member of Educational Com- . Married; three children.

A. Robinson—Buyer, food industry, Minneapolis, sota. Member, First Baptist Church. Has worked Junior Church and as society advisor. Treasurer, sota Union. Past president, Minneapolis District Union. His wife, Gladys, is office secretary, Minnesota Union, and writes Junior topic materials. One son.

Rev. Herman R. Rosenberg—Minister, Clairemont Family Church, now being organized by Reformed Church in America in San Diego, California. Graduate, Central College and Western Theological Seminary. Pastor counselor of local unions in Iowa, Michigan, and California, and of California Union 1958-59. Now vice-president, San Diego County. Married; three children.

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert—Minister, Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, Elmira, Ontario, Canada. B.D. degree, Evangelical Theological Seminary. Past president, Canadian Union; also served as regional vice-president for Canada. Ardent horticulturalist; often lectures and judges exhibitions.

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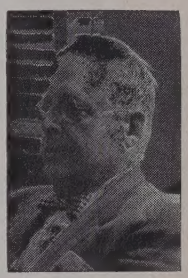

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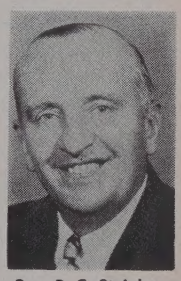

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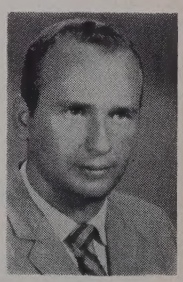

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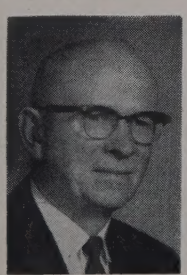

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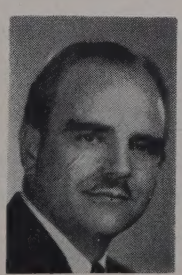

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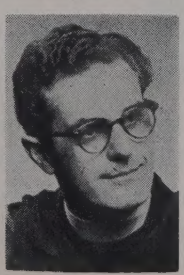

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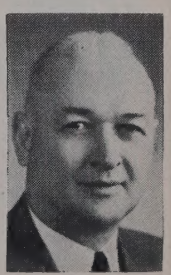

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CHICAGO 1961

Christian Endeavorers from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico are eagerly laying plans to be in Chicago, Illinois, next July. The attraction is the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel July 5-8.

A special "package plan" rate of just $36.75 will cover hotel and meal costs at this fabulous hotel, one of the largest in the world. This rate includes five nights' lodging (dormitory style rooms, four or more to a room) Tuesday through Saturday nights and all meals Wednesday through Saturday. A real convention bargain!

The Chicago Convention Committee, under the direction of Herbert S. Tanis of Lansing, Illinois, is organized and is hard at work making plans to welcome five thousand delegates to the Windy City.

Herbert S. Tanis

Registration fee for the convention is $4.00. Unions are appointing registrars and telling Endeavorers about convention plans. Soon a Registration Contest will be announced, with choice seats in the convention sessions and front parade positions going to contest winners.

Convention activities in the Windy City will begin Tuesday evening, July 4, with a prayer service at 8:45 following a prayer vigil. Wednesday morning the convention gets under way with the opening session, featuring the keynote message, and the communion service. Educational conferences will follow. Thursday through Saturday the day will begin with graded Quiet Hour periods, followed by the conferences.

At lunch each day a general assembly will be held, a time for fun and fellowship. Special events will be scheduled in the afternoons, with general convention sessions featuring an outstanding Christian leader each evening.

The convention banquet will be Friday evening, with the Christian Witness Parade Saturday afternoon. Saturday will also be the day for the Junior Convention.

Official meetings scheduled during the convention include sessions for the Corporation and the Board of Trustees on Thursday afternoon. The Youth Assembly will meet each morning and on Wednesday afternoon.

The annual conventions of the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Unions for 1961 will be held on Friday afternoon, July 7, during the Chicago Convention. Other unions will also meet at this time.

Watch for announcement of major convention speakers and leaders and additional program details.

Project Your Influence Beyond Your Lifetime

The preparation of a Christian will is an act of Christian stewardship. There is no way of having your wishes carried out unless you make a will. If you do make a will you have assurance that your wishes will be carried out. Consult your lawyer. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will.

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THE BOOK FOR EVERYO

1960 Worldwide Bible Reading

Thanksgiving to Christ

Again from Thanksgiving to Ch the American Bible Society is sponso Worldwide Bible Reading program Scriptures listed below will be read l lions around the world during this 17 nual project.

NOVEMBER

24 Thanksgiving ..... Psalm
25 ..... Psalm
26 ..... Ephesians
27 Advent Sunday ..... Proverbs
28 ..... Deuteronomy
29 ..... Isaiah
30 ..... Isaiah

DECEMBER

1 ..... Isaiah
2 ..... Jeremiah 31:1-
3 ..... Romans
4 Sunday ..... Luke
5 ..... Matthew
6 ..... Matthew
7 ..... Matthew
8 ..... Matthew
9 ..... Matthew
10 ..... Isaiah 9:2-7; Galatian
11 Universal Bible Sunday ..... Mark
12 ..... John
13 ..... John
14 ..... John
15 ..... Romans
16 ..... Isaiah
17 ..... Luke 7:18-30; Matthew 1
18 Sunday ..... Isaiah
19 ..... I Corinthians
20 ..... I Corinthians
21 ..... I Corinthians 1
22 ..... II Corinthians 4
23 ..... Philippians
24 ..... Luke
25 Christmas ..... John

For the last six days of the year, passages are recommended:

26 ..... Colossians
27 ..... I Thessalonians 4:
28 ..... Hebrews
29 ..... James
30 ..... Revelation
31 ..... Revelation

Make Bible reading a daily pra
Keep the Quiet Hour regular

COMING EVEN
For Your Prayer Calen

Here is a list of Christion Endeavo ventions and conferences scheduled held during the next few months. Rem these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

NOVEMBER

4- 6—Missouri, St. Louis

DECEMBER

1- 4—Executives' Program Council, Col Ohio

ORE YOUNG ADULT TOPICS

Being a Christian
(A Series of Four Topics)

s a Christian?

11:26; Romans 6:8-14; II Corinthians 5:17

topic, being the foundation for the three others eries, should outline the fundamentals of Chris- nd the personal Christian life. Begin a careful a profound subject, drawing on the experience roup. Present the general characteristics of the , and have the members discuss the specific ents for the individual who chooses this way of steps to salvation may be considered, with the between the "old life" and the "new life" clearly Give concrete examples of outstanding Christian wing their contribution to the world. Each mem- make this an opportunity for analysis of the f his own life.

e a Christian?

11:25,26; Ephesians 2:10-18; Colossians 2:9-15

rring to the conclusions or definitions reached rst topic, a careful study may be made of the for choosing Jesus Christ as Saviour, and Chris- s one's religious faith. What does Christ add to sure of life, and from what does He deliver His s? Consider the contributions Christianity has the world, and then those made to the individ- ve to draw a word picture of the world without nd of personal life without His personal redemp- en describe the kind and degree of change He life. Each one should know the reasons for , and be able to explain them to others. How 's witness be most effective? Contemplate an o the question, "Why *not* be a Christian?"

Become a Christian

2:37-40; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9,10; Galatians 23

ecome a Christian is a simple process, with pro- sults and implications. Yet to many it is a mis- od process, even mysterious. In this meeting the uld be made clear. While the transformation is , it is not mysterious. Discuss the difference. God's promises that make this process open to o cannot accept it? Review the meaning of the stament steps in becoming a Christian. They are ed to be as follows: to hear (the Word), believe, confess (accept Christ), be baptized. Discuss e and importance of each. The group can well the need or reasons for becoming a Christian, s involved, and the fruits of the life that follows. e the "fruits of the Spirit"? How are the steps ore complicated and difficult by some?

owing Christian

esians 4:11-16; Hebrews 5:11-14; II Peter 1:5-7;

uld ever be emphasized that the Christian life ver be static. It must be a growing experience. group explore the vast areas of growth possible, ly using known examples and situations. Con- roughly the various steps and stages of spiritual Give the essential reasons for it. Name factors uations that hinder or prevent normal growth. e physical, mental, and spiritual development, he "food" and "exercise" required in all three. art has prayer, Bible study, stewardship, and in the process? Think over the instructions given ter 1:5-7. What do they say to you today? Face the contrast between a growing Christian life that is diminishing by lack of nurture and disci-

With Young Adults

A *Forgotten* Generation?

By Dr. Earle W. Gates
Chairman, Adult Work Committee

SOMEONE has suggested that there is a forgotten generation in the church today, and that that generation is the group known as Young Adults. They are legion in number—and top priority in importance. Yet there is little material available for a vital program for them; there is relatively little program emphasis given them.

Christian Endeavor is concerned! That age group is of vital importance to the entire church. In addition, there are probaby more Young Adult groups under the auspices of Christian Endeavor than any other organization, denominational or interdenominational. It is essential that increasing emphasis be placed at this point. When there is need, it has ever been the principle and the practice of this movement to move in and meet that need.

The International Society has this year established a new Adult Work Committee, to function through the Educational Committee. Its purpose is to lay the foundations for a systematic program for Adults, young and old. A page in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD will continue to be devoted to this program. Special articles of interest, program suggestions, helpful methods and plans—all these and other materials make it a useful tool.

In addition, each issue will carry a group of undated topic summaries, to provide suggestions for devotional and discussion meetings. Let these not be misunderstood; they are not to be complete topic developments, as for Seniors and Junior Highs. They are to be nuggets of possibility, seed thoughts to be developed. Young Adults not only prefer to put more original effort into their planning; they are fully capable of masterful accomplishment. To have adequate meetings of worship, study, or discussion, it will be necessary more than ever to pray, to search God's Word, and to pour endless personal thought into each meeting. To the degree that each leader and each group makes the meeting a part of themselves, the success and value of the meeting will be determined.

Bibliographies of materials available will be presented from time to time, and up-dated as required. By acquiring, reading, and following these materials, a group can be more and more alert to the needs and the trends of the day. God's Word will ever be the foundation text, and this age group will find deeper Bible study increasingly fruitful.

Many special projects can be made a part of a dynamic adult program. A concentrated program of prayer could revitalize an entire church. New cultural areas may be explored. Specific areas of interest peculiar to this age group, or to young families, make possible specific study classes. Good literature, better citizenship, and social service responsibilities offer challenging worlds to conquer. How broad can be the horizons of an even average group of normal Young Adults!

OBVIOUSLY the most important step in building a successful adult work in a church is the first one. Gather a group together! Once there has been a meeting of Young Adults of somewhat common interest, the rest will follow naturally. Planning, good planning, better planning, and follow-up planning will be necessary! Good programs will not just happen; they must be created. But an interested group, plus prayer and God's guidance, plus dedicated service, can scarcely fail. Set high goals—then work for them. "Plan your work, work your plan" is still the best formula for successful activity.

One of the most important age groups in Christ's Church, Young Adults have a mighty ministry for Christ and the Church today. Only low aim, inadequate faith, or unworthy effort can limit the victory of the Master's work in this promising field.

Listen! God's Talking

Luke 4:16-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *DECEMB*

*Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates**

Help for the Leader

First of all, you should study the Scripture passages given and pray for God's guidance. You should seek out other materials to read or to recommend. Certainly you should point out common errors or inadequacy in the manner of public reading of the Holy Scriptures, that it may be properly done in the future. Effective reading is a witness required of each one. Then you should strive to bring out the proper attitudes and response on the part of the listeners. You may wish to dramatize good or bad practices by demonstration.

Aims of the Topic

1. To help us become better listeners always.

2. To help us gain the fullest personal benefit from God's Word.

Read It Well

First of all, we must remember always that the Word of God should be read well. It should never be approached carelessly or read either poorly or flippantly. Try to understand what it is saying, read it slowly and clearly, put feeling into it by proper emphasis and tone. To develop this attitude, consider how privileged we are to be able to say in the words of the familiar hymn, "I walk and I talk with the King." Approach the Scriptures with reverence, with respect, and with anticipation, especially when they are to be read publicly.

Techniques of Public Reading

Under this heading, a prominent youth leader recently gave a superb bit of counsel on the subject of public reading of the Scriptures. The Reverend Walter C. Schaeffer, of the East Bethany (New York) United Presbyterian Church, wrote as follows:

"Probably the first impression that should be made upon the people present is the character of Holy Writ. Important as it is to read any item clearly and with meaning, when we have the opportunity to bring the Word of God to people, we have an added responsibility to do it to the best of our ability. This responsibility must never be taken lightly.

"Some of the techniques to be considered are as follows:

"1. Be familiar with the reading matter. Be familiar enough to have memorized some passages. On the other hand, do not make so great a show of your familiarity that you attract attention to yourself rather than to the words that you are bringing to the listeners.

"2. Speak louder than usual, much louder. No soul has ever been won to Christ by words that the individual could not hear. All of the time and effort you have put into preparing to read correctly will be wasted if you are unable to project your voice to every person in the audience.

"3. Allow the meaning of the passage you are to read to permeate your own mind so that you feel you have a message to convey.

"4. Read slowly. The larger the audience, and thus the farther you have to project your voice, the slower you have to read. Since you are trying to convey thoughts to others, you have to read slowly enough to allow your hearers to grasp the ideas.

"5. Play the role of the character in the passage. Try to think as the original writer. By the use of voice inflection, give emphasis to that portion which seems most important. When reading a portion of Scripture which contains a discussion between two or more persons, try to keep the words of each character separated in the minds of your listeners. This can be done by turning your head in one direction when reading the words of one particular character and then turning your head in a different direction when reading the words of another character. The same effect may be obtained by using a different pitch of the voice for each character speaking in the passage.

"6. Maintain eye contact. This means simply that frequently during the reading the reader looks up from the passage and looks for a moment at the audience. To do this the reader must be very familiar with the passage. . . . If a tape recorder is available, allow each Endeavorer to record a short part of the assigned Scripture passage. Play it back immediately. The first reaction will be one of curiosity about how each person's own voice sounds. Usually it will be somewhat of a disappointme low each person present to beco customed to his own voice before t correct flaws in the technique of re

Consider well this advice. How do reading measure up to this standard not try the project suggested by recorder next week to test your own

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FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do we mean when we say that God speaks to us through the Scriptures?
2. What other means does He use to "reach" us with His message?
3. What should be our attitude during the reading of the Scriptures? Why?
4. Which is more important, reading the Bible or praying?
5. How can we improve our public reading of the Bible? Our private reading?
6. If there is noise and lack of attention during the reading of the Bible, what does it indicate?
7. Could we use a tape recorder to improve our techniques of reading? Shall we soon?
8. Of what importance is the public reading of the Bible?
9. Why are we inclined to be discourteous when God or some person is speaking? What characteristics are involved in this attitude of interruption or inattentiveness?
10. What are the responses possible for us when we hear God's voice?

The Authority of the Word

The Bible is the very Word of G should always be heard with great ence and respect. Since it is the v God speaking, silence should be mai by all. If each young person realiz the Scriptures will have a vastly d meaning. Long ago God spoke throu Spirit, and holy men of God wr message. Thus those of all ages ha blessing and counsel of His mess mankind. Many infallible proofs as of the inspiration and authority Word. Antiquity has established it, and education are confirming it, an tical results of its teaching daily us of its divine purpose.

John Wesley gave an interesting e of its authority in asserting the Bibl true Word of God. He said that either have been written by good angels, by bad men or devils, or b Then he reasoned that it could n been by good men or angels for th says it was written by God, and they not have lied. Neither could it hav written by bad men or devils for demned them to Hell, and they wo have so cursed themselves. Theref concluded, it must have been writ God.

Our Response

If we then believe that the Bible Word of God—and His children so with all their hearts—then we m knowledge His authority. He has sage to speak to us, He has a purp us to fulfill, He has a right to expec obey His bidding. Foolish indeed one who denies the existence of Go more foolish is the one who recogni existence, but defies His author sublime faith and in sincere surren sing, "Saviour, like a shepherd lead Thou has bought us, Thine we are." spirit God's people should read His or hear it.

"Listen! God's Talking." This ca ring in our ears and echo throu hearts and minds whenever we h sacred Word. "What is He saying today?" "What divine message h fashioned for my life and its needs hour?" "What shall I do that most I can let Him know His message ha received and that I am beginning t my response?" These are the questio each should ask whenever the Word

Meet Christ in the Old Testament

No. 1 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with Christ"

Isaiah 53

or High (12-14 Years) *DECEMBER 4*

*ents by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr.**

for the Counselor

e how the development of the topic its aims.

will be helpful to you to read some d chapters in a book or two in your 's study on the interpretation of ecy. For the average person *Protestant al Interpretation* by Bernard Ramm is understandable. Your pastor will be to give you whatever assistance he

s might be a good time to reassure young people that you will be avail- o think through with them any ques- or problems they might have in re- to life in general or as they pertain to pic.

for Programming

order to keep the attention of the people centered upon the theme, on the bulletin board, which can be during the meeting, a picture of Christ nded by some pictures of Old Testa- personalities, institutions, and pas- which refer to Christ. Place a ribbon ing from the picture of Christ in the to each item on the circumference. will suggest the emphasis you want e that many references to Chirst can und in the Old Testament.

p the devotional part of your service t-centered. Sing hymns related to Him His ministry. The suggested Scripture passage which presents, from the 's point in history, a forward look to- the death of Christ. This could well ad responsively.

pare the young people for prayer by the question, "In what personal way rist meaningful to you?" or "Why are hankful that you know about Christ?" o evoke responses which avoid the old s or familiar expressions. Possible rs are: "Christ's ministry and death e me that God loves me and is con- d about me." "The knowledge of t's life helps me to understand the of life God expects of me." Make a list e ideas included in the answers. Ask roup to bow their heads, suggest that "thank God for Jesus Christ because and then include one of the ideas on list. After you have allowed time for young person to express himself to privately, suggest another idea about n each within the group can express sgiving to God.

your church is not a liturgical church, ps the use of a litany would be par- rly meaningful. Make use of the ideas nted in the young people's answers to question. In an attitude of prayer

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AIMS

1. To show the relationship between the Old and New Testaments in regard to Christ.
2. To create a deeper appreciation for the Old Testament and to inspire its use in daily devotions.
3. To provide a working knowledge of the Old Testament as it points to the coming of Christ.
4. To develop an ability to interpret correctly Old Testament Messianic references.

read two or three of them, and then have the group respond with "We thank Thee, O God, Our Father." Read another group of ideas and have the group respond again. In addition to these suggested ideas for which the group should be thankful, you can include suggestions which are petitions and confessions.

Topic Discussion

How to Prepare

You must decide first upon the best way to present the material in order to stimulate the thinking of your group. You will want to involve as many as possible. You may want to divide the group into two groups and have a quiz, each team competing against the other. Or you may want to divide into several small groups in order to study assigned passages in preparation to report back to the entire group.

The first suggestion will involve more work for the person assuming the responsibility for the topic discussion. He must study each suggested passage in order to formulate the questions and to determine whether or not the answer is correct.

If you choose the group study method, it will be necessary to arrange for essential reference books to be made available. For a proper study a Bible, concordance, Bible dictionary, and commentary will be necessary. Contact your pastor and Sunday school teachers for these books.

How to Begin

First, a general statement regarding the theme, the material you are going to study, and the procedure will be in order. You might say, "Tonight we are going to investigate passages of the Old Testament which refer to Jesus Christ. The main theme running through the Bible is God's redemption of His people. The clearest picture we have of God's redemptive mercy and love is found in Jesus Christ. This truth did not come in one blast of revelation at one point in history, but these truths were presented in a series of insights which culminated in the life, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. We shall study tonight these previews which God gave. In order that we might study these effectively, let us divide into small groups of three. One person will be the chairman, one person the secretary, and the other the reporter. Passages to study will be given to you. Helpful reference books are provided. We will expect a report from each group within twenty minutes."

At this point it will be helpful to inform the group about the four types of Messianic prophecy: (1) direct predictions of events, including prophecies about Christ's birth, suffering, and glory; (2) general prophecies concerning the Kingdom of God and its gradual triumph; (3) historical types in a nation and in individuals, such as David; and (4) prototypes of the future, such as sacrifices and the Passover.

How to Proceed

Adapt the following Scriptural references to the plan which you have chosen to follow. If it is a quiz, then study these passages and formulate your questions. If it is a small group study, then give two or three passages (the number will be determined by the number of groups you have) to each group and ask them to explain the passage, pointing out its relevance to Jesus Christ.

The following list of Messianic prophecies from the Old Testament could be used for your study groups: (1) Genesis 3:15. (2) Genesis 18:18; 22:18. (3) Genesis 49:10. (4) Exodus 12:3-27. (5) Leviticus 1:1-9. (6) II Samuel 7:12-17 and Luke 1:30-33. (7) Psalms, such as 2,8,16,22,45,69,72,89, 110, and 132. (8) Isaiah 9:6,7; 11:1-9; 53: 1-9. (9) Joel 2:28-32; 3:14,16,18. (10) Micah 4:1-3; 5:2-4; 7:20.

After you have allowed sufficient time for this study, bring the entire group together again. Ask the reporter from each group to give his report. Be certain the reports are presented in the order given above. Point out that the revelation was first given in a very general way, and then gradually through time it became more specific. After a general promise, a nation was selected, then a tribe, then a family.

How to Conclude

You might wish to say something like this, "We have met Christ in the Old Testament this evening. We have learned many characteristics about Him, His life and ministry. The picture we have of Him may be undefined, hazy, and blurred. It is like looking at someone walking down the street on a foggy night. We know someone is there, we can see his general outline, but his features are not distinguishable. This is the picture of Christ in the Old Testament, but we are now better prepared to see Christ in the New Testament. When the full light of God's revelation appears, the haze disappears and Christ is seen with clarity. We invite you to meet Christ in the New Testament next week."

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

The Word Takes Form

No. 1 in a Series: "The Word"

Colossians 4:13-18

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *DECEMBE*

*Comments by Dr. Bastian Kruithof**

Purpose of the Topic

The purpose is to learn how certain Gospels and epistles came to be part of the New Testament. A great part of a library has been written on this subject, but it can be discussed only generally in this topic.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Scripture: Colossians 4:13-18
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Announcements and Offering
Prayer
Hymn: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Friendship Circle and Benediction

Leader's Preparation

Verse 16 of the topic Scripture states that this epistle (Colossians) was to be read in the local church and also in the church of the Laodiceans. There is reference to another letter which never became part of the New Testament.

You should study again the preceding topics of the month and the accompanying Scripture passages. Or using a concordance you can find many passages dealing with the Word. By this means you can get a clear conception of what the Word meant to those churches and people to whom the letters are addressed.

How the Books Came to Be Written

When we consider the Bible, we must always remember that something happened before it was written. God did something first. He made Himself known in deeds and in words. The prophets of the Old Testament often said, "Thus saith the Lord." God spoke to certain men, and God performed deeds that had great significance. That was revelation.

The men who received this revelation told others about it. Thus the revelation spread. But the time also came when this material was put into writing. That is how parts of the Bible came into existence. The written word was looked upon as the Word of the living God. It was considered as God's story of redemption.

When Jesus was on earth, the Old Testament was considered the Word of God. Jesus quoted it often, and the writers of the epistles did also. There was a great respect for the books that formed the Old Testament. They told the story of a people whom God had chosen for a mission to the whole world. Out of them would come the Messiah and the Saviour.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How well do you know the Bible?
2. How often do you read it?
3. Do you read other literature before the Bible?
4. Can you think of Christianity without the Bible?
5. If the Bible is the best seller, is it also the most read book?

When we consider the New Testament, we must again remember that God spoke in deeds and in words to certain men. These men in turn made these matters known to others. And the time came when this material was written down. First there was an oral tradition, but the writing of what was significant was very important to posterity. Without the writing, we of the twentieth century would not have the full revelation that is ours today.

When Was the New Testament Written?

Scholars do not agree exactly on the dates of the various books of the New Testament. But we do know that they were not written in the order in which they are arranged in the New Testament.

It is quite commonly agreed that some of the epistles appeared before the Gospels. In other words, before the story of Jesus was written, men were already dealing with the facts and interpretations based on His life. Christians experienced the living Christ before a word was written about the birth and growth of Christianity. Paul wrote I and II Thessalonians, Galatians, I and II Corinthians, and Romans before the Gospels appeared.

Most scholars hold that the Gospel of Mark was the first one written, although some question this. After Mark came the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and last of all the Gospel of John. It is generally held today that all four Gospels were written in the first century.

We believe that God inspired the writers to put down what they did, but they were more than secretaries. It is very interesting to see how Luke began his Gospel and also the book of Acts. These two books were letters written to a friend. (Read Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-4.)

Among scholars there is a difference of opinion as to the approximate dates of the epistles. Some even say that the pastoral epistles of Paul were not written by him, but conservative scholars hold to the Pauline authorship.

The Canon

The word "canon" really means rule or measuring stick. It came to mean the books that now form the Bible. We may well ask how these books happened to be chosen as the ones that should make up the Scriptures. The Old Testament canon was recognized and, we might say, closed by the end of the first century A.D. The Testament canon was accepted by the century.

This selection was not done by co tees nor by synods. It was under the ance of the Holy Spirit that Christian the significance of these books bear special revelation from God. It took time for some books to be accepted apocryphal books, still recognized b Roman Catholic Church, were exc They contain some good material, but one compares them with the books Bible, he can sense the difference. It be good for Christian youth to read in apocryphal books and see for themsel

How can we be sure that the six books of the Bible really belong First we have the witness of the Christians and of Jesus himself as t Old Testament. And we have the witn the early Christian Church. That C thrived on these books as the Word of Then there is also what we call in evidence, that is, the evidence these present about themselves. There is lik external evidence, that is, what testified about these books in the years.

But the greatest evidence is that v is known as the testimony of the Spirit. We accept the Word of God cause the Spirit says in our hearts this is exactly what it is. One has to believer to be able to say this with co tion.

We believe in God, and we believe what God reveals in the Bible is true. the story of God and man from the b ning to the end. The first words of G are: "In the beginning God." And the book of the Bible, Revelation, tells us o goal of this history and the consummati the new heavens and the new earth. W complete story it is!

The Word in Our Hearts

The Word of God must not just re a book beautifully bound and highl spected. It must become the Word speaks to us and in us and through u others. God is trying to break through crust to place His revelation inside When that happens, the Word becom lamp for our feet, a light upon our We must remember also that Jesus C is the central figure in the Word. He i Word made flesh who came to dwell a us. Without the Bible we would not about him.

Several years ago the writer stoo Walter Scott's desk in his home, Ab ford. He also saw his library of 1 books. There came to his mind the w Scott spoke on his death bed. He sai his son-in-law, "Bring me the Book." referred to the Bible, supreme above other books. The Bible must be tha us. It contains the living Word for and eternity.

Meet Christ in the New Testament

No. 2 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with Christ"

Luke 2:30-32
(Universal Bible Sunday)

…r High (12-14 Years) *DECEMBER 11*

*…ents by Mrs. Richard Cattermole**

…se of the Topic

…ay is Universal Bible Sunday. We …o emphasize the Scriptures, and par…ly the New Testament. Since the …e of the Scriptures is to reveal God's …nd our salvation in Him, it is most … that this topic should be "I Meet … in the New Testament." Every op…ity should be used in your Christian …vor society to invite youth to accept … Christ as personal Lord and Saviour. … opportunity is present in this topic. … the most of it.

…e to the Counselor

… are the most logical person to ex…he invitation to accept Christ. This … not be done without first thinking …uation through thoroughly. You know …group; you know who have made de… previously and who are ready now …e this most important step of their … If you do not feel qualified for this …sk your pastor to help. This will give …ssociate members the opportunity to …e real Christian Endeavorers and to …n active part in your society.

…city for the Meeting

…gazine pictures of people shaking …, placed on posters, would get across …lea of "meeting" someone. Below the …e, print neatly the title of the topic …ll information regarding your meeting. …), the outline of hands cut out of con…on paper with the information about …neeting printed on them might be …l out in Sunday school as *hand*bills!

…nce Preparation

…ign the Study Talks (see below) well …vance of your meeting, limiting each …o a certain (short) length of time ac…ng to the length of your program.

…your society treasury permits, buy the … Gospels of Luke to give to each per…resent.

…ure a copy of *Christ and the Fine* … Select one or two stories or poems to …n this meeting. You may prefer to …e stories about hymns having *Jesus* or …f in the titles.

…c several folk in your church to present …onies at your meeting as to how they … Jesus Christ. Fit this in at the con…n of your topic presentation. (See be…

…duction to the Topic

…gin by giving pointers about the proper … to introduce people to each other, For …nce, tell how the following should …t" one another:

girl and girl
girl and boy
girl or boy and older person

(You could ask several of your group to demonstrate the above.)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. If you had never known Christ or had never heard of Christianity and you came into possession of a New Testament, would you be able to "meet" Christ by reading it?
2. What does it mean to believe in Jesus as mentioned in John 3:16?
3. Is it our responsibility as Christians to help our friends and families to "meet" Jesus Christ? Why do we have this obligation? How can we help others to "meet" Jesus?

Discussion of the Topic

From the following outline, lead a discussion as to how we as Christians are dependent upon Christ as we "meet" Him in these separate areas of our lives:

1. I meet Christ as my Saviour.
   a. I cannot save myself.
   b. I need a Saviour.
   c. Christ is the only One who can save me.
2. I meet Christ as my Friend.
   a. "Earthly" friends may prove untrue.
   b. I need someone who "sticketh closer than a brother."
   c. There are times when I cannot voice my fears and difficulties to anyone except Christ.
3. I meet Christ as my Counselor.
   a. I have many decisions to make in my life.
   b. I am very unsure many times whether I am making the right choice.
   c. My elders help me, but they are only human and can only advise.
   d. Christ has the real answer.
4. I meet Christ as my Intercessor.
   a. God is holy—omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (always present), and omnipotent (all-powerful).
   b. I am human, weak, frail, subject to error, and very sinful.
   c. Someone must bridge the gap between God and me.
   d. That One is Jesus Christ.
5. I meet Christ as my Lord.
   a. Jesus is "King of kings and Lord of lords."
   b. Jesus is MY Lord, King of MY life.
   c. Jesus must be Lord of all or not Lord at all in my life.

A Short Study of Luke

(This introduction may be given, and then the Scripture Study Talks which you have previously assigned may be given.)

Luke, the "beloved physician," was a close friend and companion of Paul. He accompanied Paul on some of his travels. It is thought that Luke was the author of the Book of Acts as well as the Gospel of Luke. The exact time at which he wrote the Gospel is not certain, but it is believed that it was written especially for Gentiles, because Luke explains Jewish customs and background in the book. The purpose for the Gospel seems to be to have an orderly account of Christ's life through the accurate report of "eyewitnesses" (see Luke 1:2).

Study Talks (previously assigned) are:

"The Babe of Bethlehem"	Luke 2: 1-39
"The Obedient Boy"	Luke 2:40-52
"The Son of God"	Luke 4: 1-13
"The Preacher"	Luke 5: 1-11
"The Good Teacher"	Luke 6:20-49
"The Children's Friend"	Luke 18:15-17
"The Risen Christ"	Luke 24: 1- 9
"The Abiding Christ"	Luke 24:28-30
"The Triumphant Christ"	Luke 24:44-53

"Meet" Christ in the Gospel of John

Our topic is concerned with the whole of the New Testament. Turn to the Gospel of John and see how Christ is introduced in each chapter in a different role. When we know Christ as our personal Saviour (and this is always first and foremost), it is wonderful to realize how many and how varied the characterizations are in which we may know His love and compassion.

You may use the following list in a competitive (either individual or group) game in which the proper verses are found for the answers and then discussed by all.

Chapter	
1	The Son of God—verse 14
2	The Miracle Worker—verse 9
3	The Divine Teacher—verse 2
4	The Soul Winner—verse 39
5	The Great Physician—verse 9
6	The Bread of Life—verse 48
7	The Water of Life—verse 37
8	The Great Forgiver—verse 11
9	The Light of the World—verse 5
10	The Good Shepherd—verse 11
11	The Resurrection and the Life—verse 25
12	The King—verse 13
13	The Humble Servant—verse 5
14	The One who Comforts—verse 18
15	The True Vine—verse 1
16	The Giver of the Spirit—verse 7
17	The Great Intercessor—verse 20
18	The Sinless One—verse 38
19	The Uplifted Saviour—verse 18
20	The Victor over Death—verse 17
21	The Restorer of the Penitent—verse 15

Conclusion of the Topic

Conclude your topic discussion with (1) the testimonies of those whom you have asked to give information about the circumstances under which they "met" Jesus Christ, and/or (2) a brief message by the one whom you have asked to present an invitation to accept Christ. Be sure if there are those who make decisions that there is a follow-up with your pastor and counselor.

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The Word Faces Fire

No. 2 in a Series: "The Word"

Matthew 24:29-35

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *DECEMBE*

*Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas**

Purpose

The Word of God arouses enmity as well as effects salvation because it is eternal spiritual truth. The purpose is to show that the Word still endures and will continue to do so until the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 119:89,90,105
Hymn: *Joy to the World*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 24:29-35
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
Topic Presentation and Discussion
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Benediction

Introduction

There is a maxim which states, "A man is known by the company he keeps." This same idea can be stated more effectively in another way, "A man is known by the enemies he makes." The latter would appear to be a more forceful expression because it depicts man in his activity rather than in his passivity, standing firmly for something rather than giving quiet assent to what others represent.

The same can be said of the Word of God. It is more truly known by the enemies it makes than the company it keeps. The witness of its adherents is often not nearly as strong as the attacks of its enemies.

Some of the Bible's Attackers

The purpose of those who attack the Bible is to discredit it so that it no longer condemns sin as the word of God.

1. Perhaps the very first enemy the Word of God provoked was the defenders of the religious status quo. Through the prophets of the Old Testament, through Jesus and the apostles of the New Testament, God challenged the barren religious practices of their times. (See Amos 8:10-14; Jeremiah 11:18-23; John 11:47-54; Acts 19:21-41.) In each of these instances the Word of God provoked the enmity of those it judged for defending a system of religion that had either lost its vitality or represented error. Though attacked, the Word proved true and enduring. The Word of God saw its judgment fulfilled and continues to stand in judgment where similar error exists.

Since the first century A.D. the Word of God has continued to challenge those guilty of the same offense and with the same result. In this connection such names as Augustine, Savanarola, Luther, Calvin, and Wesley are striking illustrations. Whenever Christianity tends to become a dead formalism rather than a redemptive force in human life, the Word of God arouses the enmity of those who are the principal benefactors of "things as they are." Whenever any other religious system feels the judgment of the Word, the enmity of its defenders is aroused likewise.

2. Another enemy of the Word of God is the tyrant. In the twentieth century, the most notorious has been Hitler. He is representative of a host of others such as Stalin, Chou En-lai, and Mussolini. These men attack the Word of God by burning it, banning it, and punishing those who read or preach it because it sits in judgment on their evil presumptions. Refusing to acknowledge the authority of God, they try to occupy His throne. To prove what they know down deep they are not, they resort to every barbarity to silence opposition and end up in disaster involving not only themselves but their country and even other nations as well.

3. Another enemy of God's Word is the humanist, the individual who believes that man is essentially good and by his reason and intellect can resolve all his problems. The Word arouses his enmity because it pictures man as a weak, fallen creature whose every effort is imperfect because of his limited understanding and knowledge. So the humanist treats the Bible as quaint folklore, myth, or interesting literature. Thus does he seek to discount God's Word as merely the expression of the superstition of Near Eastern culture of a bygone era. But the failure of the humanist to create gods out of men and paradise out of earth supports the validity of the Word in its judgment on this enemy.

4. Another enemy of the Word of God is the atheist. For him the Bible is a joke since it assumes throughout that behind all that is stands God. The only way that the atheist can support his position is by attacking the Bible. His tactics are to point out the supposed errors, contradictions, and absurdities in the Scriptures and thus to destroy the credibility of God's Word. If the Bible can be shown to be in error in these ways, then it must be in error as far as its assumptions and spiritual teachings are concerned. But again the Word of God has withstood these assaults beca speaks to the deeper part of man, his most being, which acknowledges the that God knows him as he really is, he would like to think he is.

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DISCUSSION STIMULATORS

1. If all the Bibles in the world were suddenly to disappear, how much of the Word of God could you recall accurately so that it might be republished? What does your answer reveal as to how well you know your Bible? Does it suggest still another enemy with which the Bible has to contend?
2. What would you do if you suddenly found yourself living in a land where anyone caught owning or reading a Bible would be put to death?
3. How can you best defend the worth and truth of the Scriptures?

Why Shall the Word Endure?

1. The Bible will endure no matte attacks are made against it becaus the Word of God. In countless through conscience, through expe through history, through called through Jesus Christ, God has re truth that man could scarcely have l otherwise. We are not dealing with l wisdom in the Bible but divine tr interpreted by the human situation. ing from God, it is eternal truth, an which is eternal cannot be destroy that which is human.

2. The Bible will endure because forth the only way of salvation fro and death. As long as men feel their of deliverance from bondage to the based natures and find it only in Word, so long will it endure.

3. The Bible will outlive its enemi cause it is needed for growth in faith holiness. Those who have found sal in Jesus Christ know how far they still to go in order to be conformed t likeness. Such holy discontent with selves as they are in comparison with they ought to be leads them to seek source of knowledge and help which need to grow in grace. It is only i Bible that they find it, and so they tre and use it for daily guidance and in tion.

Those who are satisfied with religio morals as they are, those who try to the place of God, those who believe man is able to work out his own salv those who deny that God exists will a find the Bible a source of irritation, a of errors, a human document, a coll of myths and fables because it sits in ment on them. But their attacks are do to failure because they are beating a the citadel of God's revealed truth cannot be overcome.

Illustration

A patient in the American hospit Turkey was given a Bible, which he pr carried home to his Armenian village. Moslem mullah snatched it from him, it in pieces, and flung it into the where it lay until a grocer picked u pieces to use as wrapping paper. Soon were scattered all over the village as ping for cheese, olives, and other purc It was not long before customers beg ask the grocer if he had any more wrapping paper. One day a Bible colp was making his rounds through Turkish province and was amazed t one hundred persons eager to buy B although no Christian teacher had been at work in the villages of this pro

I Believe in Jesus Christ

No. 3 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with Christ"

Acts 8:32-38; II Timothy 1:12

or High (12-14 Years) *DECEMBER 18*

*omments by Rev. C. Ray Miller**

ake the Meeting Interesting

duct the program in the form of a broadcast. By planning for the pro- far in advance, you can prepare s with the words "On the Air" and appropriate messages printed on them, ese may be used throughout the entire m. If possible provide for a micro- placed in the front of the room, and ave all the participants speak directly

leader may take charge of the open- art of the program and also serve as nouncer or the master of ceremonies. nnouncer should introduce the pro- and the various participants and tell part each will play in the service.

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Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
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: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
cration Service
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er's Introduction

Believe in Jesus Christ" is certainly a appropriate subject for this Sunday diately preceding Christmas Sunday. e approach Christmas Day, we think and more of God's great gift—the of His Son. This wonderful day is more meaningful if we have accepted as the Saviour and Lord of our Many have not done so, but most of ve yielded our hearts and lives to Him.

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shall hear at this time some testi- es from persons who know the Lord Christ personally. (These persons shall been contacted previously.)
e first person will now tell of the which comes into one's heart and when he becomes a Christian.
e second person will tell of the joy h we as Christians experience in our

xt we shall hear from one of our mem- about the continued happiness which may know as a Christian.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the first basic principle of Christian Endeavor?
2. What is "confession of Christ"?
3. In what ways do followers of Christ "confess" Him?
4. Is it ever difficult to "confess" Christ?
5. How does one become strong enough to "confess" Him in all circumstances?

The next testimony which you will hear will concern contentment in the abundant life which Christ provides.

The final testimony will be by a young person who is assured of a future home in Heaven. He will share with us what he knows about it.

Leader or Master of Ceremonies

Several news reporters are on hand to tell us of some of the wonderful stories recorded in the New Testament. They will tell us of Jesus—of His life, of His ministry, and of many of the people who believed in Him.

First Reporter

Jesus was, without a doubt, a very remarkable Person. His birth was very humble in that He was born in a stable and placed in a manger. There was no room for Joseph and Mary in the inn, and so they were shown to a stable and this became the birthplace of Jesus.

We hear very little about His childhood and His youth, but we are aware that He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). About the age of 30, He began His public ministry and became well-known. This greatly disturbed some of the leaders of His day, and they began to make plans to get rid of Him. They finally nailed Him to a cross, thinking that they were rid of Him, but on the third day He arose from the dead. We rejoice today because He lives forever.

Second Reporter

Jesus' ministry was a very unusual one. He "went about doing good" and accomplished great things during a very brief ministry. In John 4:39-42, we read that many people believed on Him. Some believed because of what the Samaritan woman had told them, some because He taught them.

"Now we believe" was the testimony of this group of people, and the reason for their belief was that "this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." There are many today who believe and who can testify that He is the Christ, the Savior of the world, and most of all that He is their personal Saviour. May each of us be able to confess this great belief in our lives also!

Third Reporter

In John 6:66-69, we learn that many of the disciples "went back, and walked no more with Him" (Jesus). Then Jesus turned to the twelve followers and asked them whether they would also go away. Peter, the spokesman for the group, made a great testimony as he said, "We believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." To believe in Jesus Christ involves the commitment of one's life, and we accept Him regardless of the cost.

Fourth Reporter

A man who was born blind (John 9) had his sight restored by this man Jesus. Later he was asked whether he believed in the Son of God, and he replied, "Lord, I believe." Immediately he began to worship Jesus.

Some persons, after having received help from the Lord, failed to thank Him and failed to worship Him. Today many people still receive help from the Lord but fail to recognize Him and to give Him the credit.

Fifth Reporter

"I believe that thou art the Christ" was the testimony of Martha, the sister of Lazarus, whom Jesus later raised from the dead. Jesus, who had just come to the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, was confronted with the statement by Martha that if He had come earlier, Lazarus would not have died. But Jesus told her that her brother would rise again. She informed Him that she knew that he would rise again "in the resurrection at the last day." And Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

He concluded by asking her if she believed this, and immediately she made this great testimony (read John 11:27).

Radio Announcer

We have just heard a few of the many thrilling testimonies concerning the most wonderful Person who ever lived, the Lord Jesus Christ.

On this broadcast, we have heard testimonies recorded nearly 2,000 years ago. We have also heard testimonies given by Christian youth of today.

Now as we are about to go "off the air," we are going to sing *Give of Your Best to the Master* and then conclude with a brief consecration service. As we do so, will you, at this significant season of the year, give Him your very best? Will you yield your life unreservedly to Him? Will you say "Yes" as He calls you to follow?

Many gifts are being given these days. People are exchanging gifts with others in schools, at parties, and at various other places and meetings. But the greatest gift ever given was the gift of God's Son, the Lord Jesus. The greatest gift which you can give Him now is your heart and life. If you will respond, then Christmas will be more meaningful than it has ever been before.

The Word Takes Flesh

John 1:1-14

(Christmas)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *DECEMBE*

*Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart**

For the Leader

You are aware of the fact that this topic falls on Christmas Day. This makes a special demand upon you as a Christian Endeavor leader. The day requires a special program. Not only is it Christmas Day, but it is also the last Sunday in the year. The latter should also have a bearing upon the entire meeting. Perhaps you should meet as early as possible before Christmas with the officers and counselor of your society and your pastor and plan together a very special meeting. Give it the best you have.

Here are several suggestions: 1. Invite one of your church choirs to sing. 2. Set apart some time for singing Christmas carols. 3. While the members and friends are gathering for the meeting, play recordings of the finest kind of Christmas music in order to create a worshipful atmosphere. 4. Plan to have several of your members to participate in the program. 5. Have a man come into the room representing the Old Year and a child representing the New Year. Each one should have a special message to read pertaining to the work of the society in 1960 and its plans for 1961. This might be done during the announcements.

Satisfaction comes to the leader who does not hesitate to work hard on a Christian Endeavor program. It can be done, and you can do it. Get to work early and see what can be accomplished.

Publicity

Check current issues of magazines for the large colorful pictures which they use in advertisements at this time of the year. Use your creative ability to make several posters advertising the meeting.

Plan for a special invitation to be mailed to your society members and special guests setting forth the high lights of the meeting. Enlist a few of your members to serve on a telephone brigade and have each member contacted by phone with a very special invitation. Be sure to announce the meeting in the church bulletin or weekly paper. After thorough promotion, you will look forward to the meeting with keen anticipation.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship:
Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.
Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Scripture: John 1:1-14
Instrumental Number
Christmas Carols
Prayer Hymn: *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer*

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. "No room in the inn" is an expression that has come out of the Christmas story. Do we really have room for Christ in our lives, our homes, our businesses, our schools, our churches, and all the relationships of our lives?
2. How much of the observance of Christmas brings honor to Christ?
3. Are we any more aware of Christ after Christmas is over?
4. Can you imagine what the world would be like if Christ had not come?
5. How do you wish that everybody would observe Christmas today?

Sentence Prayers
Vocal Number
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Talk
Talks by Three Speakers
Questions and Discussion
Hymn: *That Beautiful Name*
Fellowship Circle
Benediction

Leader's Talk

Today, the thoughts of Christian people around the world center about the manger of Bethlehem and the babe who came to manifest God in the flesh. Our topic for discussion is "The Word Takes Flesh," and this is the means by which all men may come to know God.

Long before John referred to Christ as the Word, the great Greek philosopher Plato had taught the doctrine of the Logos (Greek for "word"). To him, it was the mysterious link between God and man. In an attempt to reconcile Judaism and heathenism, the Jewish philosopher Philo had spoken of the Logos as the means by which man may know the mind and will of God. To him, the Logos was something of a mediating High Priest between God and man. However, the Word was not a personality, but only a vague and shadowy concept.

The apostle John, who lived in the midst of Greek culture in Ephesus, proclaimed the message of Jesus in terms that both Greeks and Jews could understand. He said that the Word had become flesh and dwelt among men. He maintained that God is not far off and incapable of being known by men, but that He has been fully revealed in the Logos (Jesus Christ).

Thus, we no longer need to surmise what God is like. We no longer need to request as Philip did, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us" (John 14:8). We may know God personally through the revelation which Christ has given to us. Christian Endeavorers and all who believe in Christ should realize that our knowledge must keep on growing. The fullness of truth is in Christ, and so we can keep on learning about God through Him. However, our knowledge does not consist of just believing this or that about Jesus, but experiencing a personal rela with Him.

Our three speakers will now areas in which our knowledge through Christ is continually in (read John 1:14, stressing "grace," and "glory.")

First Speaker

Look up the word "grace" in t tionary in your preparation. Find ences in a concordance and study the Bible. Point out that the con Christ was a manifestation of God's that especially His death was an ex of grace, and that the forgiveness sins is a continuing experience of g

Second Speaker

Make a list of some of the truth has learned in recent years in his b down the atom, the conquest of spa After discussing these truths, stres all truths are in keeping with t great truth revealed in Christ—tha loves us (John 3:16). Point out t we learn more and more, we become and more aware of the reality of God Give examples from everyday life.

Third Speaker

Discuss the fact that even though was born in humble circumstances, were attendant elements of glory—t nouncement to the shepherds, the s the angels, the appearance of the the coming of the wise men. Refer glory manifested in His baptism, His figuration, and His resurrection. M some of the glories which the Ch experiences now and which are pr to him in eternity.

Fellowship Circle

Ask the group to form a circle a a table on which a Bible is open John 1:14. Perhaps you will also wa have a lighted candle on the table a turn out other lights in the room.

Read this verse again and sum the talks which have been based Stress that not only did the Word of take flesh in Christ, but that there i a sense in which the Word must be flesh in all Christians. It must be abs into our minds, and it must be exp in our daily lives.

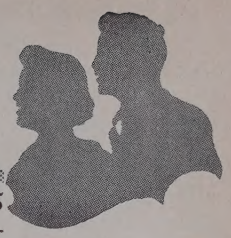
Suggest ways in which the membe your society may convey the Word of to others during the coming week an coming year of 1961. You may also to refer to activities which your s has planned during the New Year as of witnessing to the Word.

Then ask several or all members p to lead in sentence prayers which as God's guidance in all these activities. counselor or pastor might lead the c prayer. Then sing quietly the chorus *My Heart* and also the verse which b "Out of my heart."

None Born Greater

No. 4 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with Christ"

Luke 2:7
(Christmas)



r High (12-14 Years) *DECEMBER 25*

*nments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

Aims

'o be enriched by the use of Christ-
orship materials.
'o realize why the world observes the
ıy of Jesus.
'o consider means of sharing our ob-
ce of Christmas with others.

Poster

a package of silver stars. On a card-
put them in concentric circles around
ure of the manger scene that can be
d from a religious magazine. The de-
can be made beautiful if laid out
lly. At the bottom print, "Let's talk
our wonderful Christ at Christian
vor tonight."

Worship

ayer Service
Sing
Music: *Silent Night*
o Worship
der: Luke 2:10
ple: Luke 2:11; Isaiah 9:6
ation: Thou who hast given us the
atest of gifts, grant unto us a vision
he day in which Jesus was born and
v us how we may express our ap-
ciation more fully for what His com-
has meant to the world. Amen.
: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Story in Scripture and Song (The
ler reads, the members sing)
e 2:1-5
Little Town of Bethlehem
e 2:6,7
ay in a Manger
e 2:8-14
k! the Herald Angels Sing
e 2:15-20
ile Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
thew 2:1-11
Three Kings of Orient Are
ed Prayer: Thank God for the first
t Christmas gift, Jesus Christ; for
promise of peace and good will on
h; that it is possible for us to recog-
our Lord's birthday unmolested. Ask
l to help us to continue to give Christ
he world so greatly in need of Him,
practice good will toward all peoples,
eep our country free for His worship
service.
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in your hearts . . . let the word of
ist dwell in you richly in all wisdom."
de: *Joy to the World*

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en God wants something done on this
He does not send earthquakes or
supernatural displays of vaunted
He has a more effective way. In

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d Brethren youth magazine.*

QUESTIONS

1. Frank said, "I'm too tired out from this Christmas rush to think of coming to church." What is wrong with his attitude?
2. Longfellow wrote, "Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you think." What did he mean?
3. The Community Fund received a large donation marked "A Friend." What do you think of anonymous donors?
4. What effect has the use of "Xmas" had on the observance of Christmas?
5. Should we be as joyful as were the shepherds in Luke 2:20?

some obscure hamlet He has a baby born. A mother whispers in the child's ears what has been disclosed to her by God's still, small voice. Then God waits. He can afford to wait, for the method has never failed.

Think for a moment of the impact that Bethlehem's babe has made upon the world. His coming was in this wise. Angels announced to Mary that she would bring forth a male child whose name was to be Jesus, for He was to save the people from their sins. Mary kept these sayings in her heart and thrilled to her divine commission.

Frank W. Boreham says, "God begins with a babe. A century ago men were following with bated breath the march of Napoleon. And all the while in their own homes babies were being born. But who could think about babies? In one year lying midway between Trafalgar and Waterloo there stole into the world a host of heroes! Gladstone, Tennyson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Lincoln, Mendelssohn, Morley and Kemble were but a few. Babies, not battalions, rule the world."

If Jesus Had Not Been Born

If Jesus had not been born, there would be no joyous Christmas to gladden the hearts of men. There would not be a Christian church anywhere in the world. Men would not know what God is like. Sins would be unremitted, and men would die without hope. History would be but a succession of dark ages. Laws and justice would be primitive and unequitable. A missionary venture would never have brought Columbus to America. There would be no hospitals. Education would be greatly impaired. Science would be unscientific. Art, music, and culture would be without their greatest motivation. Saul would never have become Paul. The New Testament would not exist. Such names as Augustine, Luther, Albright, and Beecher would be unknown. There would be no Christian missionaries. The Pilgrims would not have sought these shores. It is doubtful if we would be living today.

The World Belongs to Christ

The glory of God shines forth in His Son. Jesus Christ best reveals God to mankind. The attitude of the Old Testament is well put by Job, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" But once Jesus came and dwelt among men, they knew what God was like.

On one occasion Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Jesus not only reveals God to men, but He is the upholder or preserver of all the universe. Over the sea, air, land, plants, animals, vegetables—over everything He is the great sustainer. Jesus Christ is the redeemer of the world. Through His death atonement was made for the sin of the world. He is a Saviour to all people. His life did not terminate at death, but continued on in Heaven. The same power and authority of God are enjoyed by Him. He is the perfect revelation of God.

The "I Am's" of Jesus

The noted historian H. G. Wells, and by no means a theologian, undertook several years ago a very gigantic task. He gave himself to the writing of the history of the world in one single volume. When he came to the person of Jesus Christ, the "I am" of whom we are thinking, he made a short and pointed comment in these meaningful words, "The Galilean is too great for our small hearts."

When Jesus uses the words "I am", there is authority about them that we do not question. That same affirmation from any of us would sound ridiculous. Yet, with Jesus the whole matter is on an entirely different level. He spoke with divine authority that causes His words to captivate our minds.

Of Jesus, the great "I am," Albert W. Palmer has written, "We cannot escape Jesus or ignore Him. And we are coming increasingly to realize that we cannot deny Him and His great ideals of humility, brotherhood, complete commitment to the will of God and to sacrificial service to our fellow men, without facing disaster in the world of outer social relations and complete chaos within. Jesus is our index to life's best and highest values. . . ."

What Can We Do?

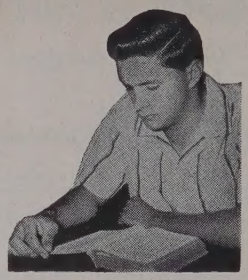
We cannot make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem's manger, but we can like the little lad in *Why the Chimes Rang* offer our hearts sacrificially to those in need. After the great lady and courtier, scholar and king had offered their gifts in vain, it was the boy's gift of pennies, offered by a loving heart, which caused the miraculous ringing of the Christmas chimes. The angel's song will be heard again only when we share God's gift with someone.

The story is told of a railroad engineer who waved each day to a crippled boy living on the second floor of a tenement building. Each year he resolved to see the boy at Christmas but put it off. Finally he went taking along clothing and food. When he entered the shabby room the boy said, "Jesus told me you would come." Are there needy folk awaiting our return this Christmas?

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for December, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Nov. 28. Christ Born. Micah 5:1-3.
T., Nov. 29. Christ's Ministry. Isaiah 9:1,2.
W., Nov. 30. Christ's Suffering. Isaiah 53:3-7.
T., Dec. 1. Christ Crucified. Psalm 22:1-18.
F., Dec. 2. Christ Risen. Psalm 16:8-11.
S., Dec. 3. Christ Triumphant. Psalm 68:18-20.
Sun., Dec. 4. Topic—I Meet Christ in the Old Testament. Isaiah 53.
M., Dec. 5. Christ Born. Matthew 2:1-11.
T., Dec. 6. Christ's Ministry. Matthew 20:25-34.
W., Dec. 7. Christ's Suffering. John 19:1-17.
T., Dec. 8. Christ Crucified Mark 15:22-28.
F., Dec. 9. Christ Risen. Matthew 28:1-10.
S., Dec. 10. Christ Triumphant. Acts 1:7-11.
Sun., Dec. 11. Topic—I Meet Christ in the New Testament. Luke 2:30-32. (Universal Bible Sunday)
M., Dec. 12. Now We Believe. John 4:39-42.
T., Dec. 13. The Disciples Believe. John 17:6-8.
W., Dec. 14. I Believe—and Speak. II Corinthians 4:13,14.
T., Dec. 15. Simon Peter Confesses. John 6:66-69.
F., Dec. 16. A Sighted Man Believes. John 9:35-38.
S., Dec. 17. Martha's Belief. John 11:21-27.
Sun., Dec. 18. Topic—I Believe in Jesus Christ. Acts 8:32-38; II Timothy 1:12.
M., Dec. 19., I Am the Son of God. John 11:36-38.
T., Dec. 20. I Am the Resurrection and Life. John 11:23-26.
W., Dec. 21. I Am the Light of the World. John 9:1-5.
T., Dec. 22. I Am before Abraham Was. John 8:56-58.
F., Dec. 23. I Am the Way, Truth and Life. John 14:4-7.
S., Dec. 24. I Am Alpha and Omega. Revelation 1:8,17,18.
Sun., Dec. 25. Topic — None Born Greater. Luke 2:7. (Christmas)

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Nov. 28. Hearken! Isaiah 51:1-8.
T., Nov. 29. "And Your Soul Shall Live." Isaiah 55:1-3.
W., Nov. 30. Listen in God's House. Ecclesiastes 5:1,2.
T., Dec. 1. Stopped Ears. Zechariah 7:9-14.
F., Dec. 2. Hear and Give Heed. Deuteronomy 4:1,2.
S., Dec. 3. Apply What You Hear. James 1:23,24.
Sun., Dec. 4. Topic — Listen! God's Talking. Luke 4:16-30.
M., Dec. 5. Inspired Revelation. II Timothy 3:16,17.
T., Dec. 6. The Word of Faith. Romans 10:4-13.
W., Dec. 7. Awakened by the Spirit. II Peter 3:16-21.
T., Dec. 8. The Word of Power. Hebrews 4:12,13.
F., Dec. 9. God Speaks through Prophets. Jeremiah 36:4-8.
S., Dec. 10. The Word of Hope. Romans 15:4.
Sun., Dec. 11. Topic—The Word Takes Form. Colossians 4:13-18. (Universal Bible Sunday)
M., Dec. 12. "Forever." Isaiah 40:1-8.
T., Dec. 13. The Test of Time. Matthew 5:17-19
W., Dec. 14. Indestructible. Jeremiah 36:23-29.
T., Dec. 15. God's Word Not to Be Ignored. Isaiah 5:18-24.
F., Dec. 16. The Enduring Word. I Peter 1:24,25.
S., Dec. 17. God's Word Not Stopped. Amos 7:12-17.
Sun., Dec. 18. Topic—The Word Faces Fire. Matthew 24:29-35.
M., Dec. 19. Knowledge of the Word. I John 1:1-3.
T., Dec. 20. Eyewitnesses of Majesty. II Peter 1:15-19.
W., Dec. 21. In the Fullness of Time. Galatians 4:4,5.
T., Dec. 22. A Son Is Born. Isaiah 9:6,7.
F., Dec. 23. The Truth. John 14:6,7.
S., Dec. 24. God Speaks through Him. Habakkuk 1:1-6.
Sun., Dec. 25. Topic—The Word Takes Flesh. John 1:1-14. (Christmas)

Nine Year Missionary P

For the past nine years the Chris deavor Society of the Amwell Ch the Brethren, Sergeantsville, New has provided support for Carol Jo mann, the baby daughter of Mr. a James Bowmann, missionaries in Africa. The first Sunday evening month the group takes a special According to Dick Foster, New Jerse missionary chairman, Carol Joy is most 10 years old and is a real Christ to all the members of the society.

Suggestion for Christmas

The American Bible Society that families on Christmas Eve read the story of the birth of Christ in 1:5 to 2:40. To encourage this the offers without cost a pocket-size rep Luke's Christmas story. The same is available to churches and individ $3.00 for 100 copies. Some Endeavor to send this portion of Luke's Gosp their Christmas cards.

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The Quarterly for Juni

Topics for DECEMBER

Dec. 4. My Part in World-Wide Missions Acts
Dec. 11. "His Star in the East." Matthew
Dec. 18. "Let Earth Receive Her King." Philippians
Dec. 25. 'Tis the Birthday of the King. Luke

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from around the world

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ndeavorers Young Sik Yoo and In Han greeted at Texas Union headquarters in Joy Dale, summer office secretary, eir brief visit in August to the Lone Star Koreans participated in Pennsylvania's n and planned to attend the Pacific ference in Mexico City, but were unable Mexico due to government restrictions. is vice-president of the National Chris- avor Union of Korea and principal of n Christian High School, Andong, with nts. Mr. Yoo, a 1957 graduate of the ted as interpreter. He is now studying ssee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, is a junior in civil engineering.

A resurgence of Christian Endeavor in New Zealand is reported as the result of Dr. Billy Graham's campaign there. Many new societies have been formed. Dr. Graham and his team members, Dr. Grady Wilson and Rev. Joseph D. Blinco, have all testified to the training value of Christian Endeavor.

KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK will be observed November 20-26 in the United States. "Consider the Blessings of Freedom" is the theme, with special emphasis Sunday, November 20, on "The Faiths by Which We Live." Christian Endeavor societies might participate in such an observance as their project for the current Citizenship Awards Program. A copy of the manual "How to Organize a Community-Wide Know Your America Week Program" and the booklet "Twenty Questions and Answers" will be sent free upon request. Write to the Citizenship Director of International Society.

A national paper, to begin publication by February 1961, has been established by the Australian Union.

Last June thirty Victorian Endeavorers participated in a "serving-holiday" under the leadership of Rev. H. Norman Pell, national Christian Endeavor director for Australia. The young people, ranging in age from 17 to 27, spent twelve days in Tasmania, where they participated in workshop rallies, demonstrations, and church services. Before returning home they took part in the Tasmanian state convention. Each member of the group paid his own expenses.

A Junior Conference has been scheduled February 17-19, 1961, at Knole Hall, Bournemouth, by the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Grinding out Christian Endeavor materials is this mill operated by Phyllis G. Brown during Virginia's leadership conference and convention at Waynesburg in September. Due to a typhoid fever scare it was necessary to cancel the annual convention set for Bridgewater College in August.

The competition to name the "Top Society" in Ireland was won by the quiz team from Dundonald Presbyterian Senior Society of Belfast. The four team members, who survived elimination rounds with other societies begun last winter, credited hard work and study for their victory. The competition was initiated this year.

Delegates to the combined British and Scottish Conventions this year in Glasgow and Edinburgh were able to purchase 12-inch long play records and tape recordings of various convention sessions.

Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, has written a 32-page story of this summer's Mexican Fellowship Tour, called "Cadillacing Through Mexico."

ntion choir provided music during sessions of the Pennsylvania ate convention August 1-6 at Wilson College, Chambersburg. n theme was "Forward—For Christ and the Church."

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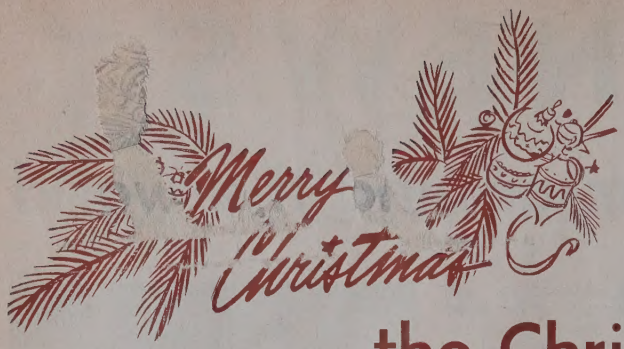
Illinois leaders at closing friendship circle of retreat held September 9-11 at Pilgrim Park Camp, near Depue. Theme for the sessions was "Living the Life." Robert Ross and Rev. Nathan Vander Werf were speakers.



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